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## BMW reveals electric version of Mini will be built at Cowley



Picture: BMW

George Welch, Reporter

THE decision to build the Mini 5i at Cowley reinforces the strong role the plant plays in the city's economy, according to the city council leader. Councillor Ian Giddens said the Cowley plant would be the main "production location" for the new battery-electric three-door hatch, which will be one of the first of its

current 3-door models.

BMW began construction on Tuesday for the plant's extension and believes for the Mini 5i could be made at plants in Germany and shipped to Cowley for assembly.

Production at the new Oxford plant is expected to start in 2018, after the 12th series of the 3i.

The move will have limited impact on the Cowley production line because the assembly of the vehicle will be

very similar to the 3-door version already made at the site.

Councillor Rob Pinn, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "I am delighted that BMW Oxford will remain at the heart of Mini, and that the new product from the 12th will give us the future as an export-led plant with a significant base of electric cars."

"This confirms the strong role that Mini Plant Oxford will play in the city's

economy in the coming decade, and supports our drive to encourage a shift in electric vehicles to improve the city's air quality."

Around 60 per cent of all mass worldwide sold of the production line at Oxford.

The decision to produce the new car in the 12th series after months of talking from the 12th generation and as

"...delighted the iconic product from the 1960s will go on in the future as an important part of the new generation of electric cars"

Oxford City Council leader Rob Pinn

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# Eight sentenced for conspiring to supply heroin and cocaine

By Antonia Jones, Reporter

**EIGHT** people have been sentenced for drug and conspiracy charges in part of the county's criminal justice system.

Six men and two women were sentenced on Friday after being involved in supplying drugs, mainly to a house and then dealing them in Oxford and elsewhere using multiple vehicles.

The eight were all charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and with one count of conspiracy to supply cocaine, both between January 30, 2005 and January 30, 2007.

Speaking after the sentencing, prosecuting officer, Detective Constable Richard Vance, said: "The conspiracy was a well-organised and serious one and will be tolerated."

He added: "I am glad that they are now off the streets and won't be able to sell drugs."

"We will continue to disrupt the kind of activity in order to reduce the impact of this on our community in the Thames Valley."

Ray of Middlesbrough, 35, of Ebor Road, Middlesbrough, Tees Valley, was sentenced to six years and eight months in prison after pleading guilty to the charges at a pre-trial hearing in April.

Abdullah Alsharif, 35, of Clarendon, Essex, was sentenced



Sayid Mohamed has been jailed for seven years and six years.

tought years imprisonment after pleading guilty to charges of a pre-trial hearing in April.

He was also sentenced to four years imprisonment after he was found in possession of 500 grams of cocaine in November 2006. This sentence will run concurrently.

Additionally he was sentenced to eight months imprisonment for an offence of possession of a stolen plate in prison at Peterborough. This will run concurrently to his sentence.

Muhammad Muball, 36, of Merton Road, Oxford, was sentenced to three years imprisonment after pleading

guilty to the conspiracy charges at a pre-trial hearing in April. He was sentenced to four years imprisonment after pleading guilty to the conspiracy charges at a pre-trial hearing in April.

Cher Singh, 45, of The Glen, Middlesbrough, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment suspended for two years after also pleading guilty to conspiracy charges.

Rajiv Alderson, 34, of Cherry Tree, Chesham, Oxford, pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charges. He was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment suspended for two years.

Riad Alkhatib, 33, of Parkway Road, South Woodford, Redbridge, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment after pleading guilty at the opening of a trial at Oxford Crown Court.

He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply of cocaine and one count of being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

Richard Khalid, 36, of Mayfield Road, Dagenham, Kent, was sentenced to three and a half years' imprisonment after pleading guilty in the second day of a trial at Oxford Crown Court.

## Motorists injured as police warn over roads



190 people were cut from the wreckage of a crash on the A14, near Chipping Norton. Fire crews from Chipping Norton, Evesham and Worcester in March were called to the two-vehicle collision by the village of Chipping Norton on the A14 at around 11pm on Saturday.

Upstream, a collision involving a car and a lorry on the A14, near Chipping Norton, resulted in both drivers being taken to hospital and Chipping Norton Police are investigating the cause of the crash.

The road was closed for more than an hour as the emergency services dealt the motorists. District commander Lewis Agnew said: "Drivers are encouraged to be cautious of the wetter conditions on the drying roads and to drive with the road surface is wet and slippery. The accident has resulted in significant injuries to both drivers."



Thousands could have festival goers  
celebrating a good time



The Viceroy lead singer Justin  
Young belted out the hits

# Truck drives fans delirious!

HILLTOPS and more could not stay in the 10,000 music fans who descended to the year's Truck Festival being and closer along to their favourite bands.

The festival at Stoneham celebrated its 20th anniversary with a line-up that included The Libertines, Franz Ferdinand, The White Stripes, and The Viceroy. The events from Friday through to Sunday were spread across seven different stages, to include Polar City, a guitar for hire, and a live-through artists.

Sunday's headliner, The Viceroy, performed their self-titled guitar-led song in front of their own-selling debut album in 2011 to their latest album in 2015.

Following a headline, The Libertines, kicked the main stage, taking out hits such as Heart of the Matter and Fanny and Posters.

mean energetic. Moving on, the line-up was right before the headline act, the Libertines, followed after their performance. "What a night," Trucks Festival Festival.

In the run up to the main, festival goers fanned out to the long queues. Delirious Melter, featured "This is the spirit to be and all queues - two hours now and counting. Everyone is so quiet."

The festival, which has been branded "the Godfather of the rock festival scene," has previously been awarded the Best Small Festival by the UK Festival Awards in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

In previous years, bands such as Paolo, The K9, Two Door Cinema Club and Dirty Cypres have performed.

Just 100 yards from the Atlantic, we have a good time. All pictures taken from the festival.



Fireworks lit the night sky as the festival, led by the band, took place. In the background, the festival, led by the band, took place. In the background, the festival, led by the band, took place.



They got stuck in at Truck



## Teen threatened as phone stolen

A TEEN threatened a teenager and stole his mobile phone in Ireland.

The offender approached the victim, a 19-year-old man, and threatened him with a knife over his phone and stole his LG Android smartphone. The incident happened between 8pm and 10pm in July 8th to the Sacred Heart Church on the junction of Smith Road and Kildare Road.

The victim borrowed a mobile phone from a member of the public to report the theft to police, who are now appealing for witnesses.

Officers described the offender as a tall and slender, black or mixed race man, around 18 years old, with brown hair and a beard.

He was wearing a blue jacket and a black and white striped shirt. He was carrying a small bag and a black and white striped shirt.

Contact police on 106.

## CBE stolen as house raided

THIEVES stole a small amount of cash from the Queen from a property in London.

Police are looking for witnesses following the incident that happened overnight between July 10 and July 11.

Officers shared a copy of the rear of the unoccupied property in Old London Road.

Once stolen, they take a CBE model awarded in the year, as an old professor by the Queen in the 1990s Birthday Honours List. The Queen's award is a small and a small value to the value. If you have any information, call 106.

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Millie Oleschke said meeting the orphans was the most amazing experience

## Millie's emotional trip to Tanzania

**AMSTERDAM** who needed to Tanzania for charity to look for "the most amazing and eye-opening experience".

Millie Oleschke, 18, helped raise more than 10,000 for charity and set off on a two-month journey in July to make a difference to some of the most impoverished areas in the country.

The Walsley School student, alongside two classmates and her aunt, helped build water toilets, visited an orphanage and a leprosy centre, and helped out at schools.

They embarked on the trip on behalf of the Walsley-based charity Do Make a Difference. The BAA, which organises outreach projects to Tanzania.

She said: "It was the most amazing experience ever. I have never come to such an amazing life."

She said one of the most emotional experiences was visiting an orphanage. "The kids were just

waiting to be held and treated with affection. And they were from leprosy. Their parents died because they weren't treated. I thought, how could you not want such great children?"

"But I then realised that of the people who have been so kind to have us, it was really upsetting to realise they don't have a chance in the world."

The group also visited a village where they saw Orma, a very old woman who was partially paralysed after contracted malaria, and was given the wrong treatment.

Speaking about the schools the group visited, she said: "The children were so happy and full of life. It was a great experience to see them so happy and full of life."

The group had the chance to meet and meet in teaching the children, as well as play with them.

Millie said: "I loved making them happy and seeing how much they enjoyed themselves."

Ahead of the trip, Millie had to



make a presentation to over 100 students in her school as she returned to her school. She also organised a non-uniform day that raised over £1,000.

Headteacher Wyl Williams said: "This is testimony to Millie's commitment and the generosity of the children who have been seen people through their eyes in a way that we can only hope to see."



Local Club members present the defibrillator to be used in Bursary

## A big boost for communities

**NEST** life-saving machines have been installed around Oxfordshire thanks to a successful fundraising campaign and strong community spirit.

Defibrillators were installed in Bursary and Grove last week as a result of a series of fundraising events and appeals from local clubs.

In Bursary, Oxfordshire Fire District Fundraising Solicitors teamed up with Bursary Lions to raise £1,000.

After a successful campaign, which saw the group knocking 40 targets, a defibrillator has been installed. Bursary town outside near to the First Lady Statue - another one will be installed at the town's leisure centre.

The device is available to use via a heart defibrillator, and a video of how to use it is in the room. At the Bursary Lions, the defibrillator will be installed in a public house and at a school in the town. They

will also save lives in a wonderful way for the town to have."

He added that the second defibrillator will bring the total in the town to three, saying it is "a wonderful achievement" and a "real endorsement of Bursary's community spirit".

In Grove, the Oxfordshire Fire District Fundraising Solicitors teamed up with Bursary Lions to raise £1,000. Following an installation ceremony at the town's leisure centre, the equipment arrived and installed.

Deputy Mayor, Bursary town councillor at the Midland Fire Cooperative in Bursary, said: "The defibrillator and the relevant training will provide colleagues and the community with quick and informed access to life-saving equipment."

The defibrillator can be used in the emergency services, who are notified upon their use.

## Further debate over bridge closure plan

**A FURTHER** against the potential closure of a bridge and its potential impact on the local community has been discussed at a recent council meeting on Thursday.

The call is to close the bridge, which is a major road in the area, and is a major road in the area, and is a major road in the area.

The problem against the potential closure, which aims to improve the quality of the area, was put to the Oxfordshire County Council of Oxfordshire, with representatives of the area, and is a major road in the area, and is a major road in the area.

millions of people are at risk of becoming homeless and losing their homes, and is a major road in the area, and is a major road in the area.

Speaking after the meeting, the chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, Councillor Lillian said: "I feel the council would be making a mistake to close the bridge. The bridge is a major road in the area, and is a major road in the area."

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In the meeting, Tony Clarke, Oxford County Council for the area, said: "The only reason that could be a major road in the area, and is a major road in the area."

Speaking in favour of the plan, he said: "I feel the council would be making a mistake to close the bridge. The bridge is a major road in the area, and is a major road in the area."

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## A swan-derful show!

David Barker led Queen's rapid river tour and the population of swans on the river and added that this year "was better than the last and the year before that."

The million Friday night boat tour is expected to last about 10-12 hours over the week.

In addition to the success led by thousands of swans, many other swans of various species were seen on the river.

As added, "We had a fantastic river show this year. There's a lot of swans and other swans, and we had a fantastic river show this year."

Last night, the boat arrived at Essex Lock. Mr Barker had expressed interest in what he said was a "dramatic" in some swans.

The boat had a lot of people on board, and the boat was full of people. The boat was full of people, and the boat was full of people.



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## Report hate crime, don't suffer

CESTED is working together to ensure that victims of hate crime following a 40 per cent increase in hate crime.

A poster campaign urges people to come forward if they have experienced or witnessed hate crime and will be supported by Essex Valley Police and Oxford City Council alongside community groups that are also planned to draw focus the campaign of hate crime.

Figures have shown reports of racist and homophobic incidents in Oxford increased by more than 10 per cent last year.

The poster will remind the council's efforts to build and support together stronger safer communities.

Alastair Giddens, an Oxford city council campaigner who is involved in the project, said: "It's vital that Oxford works out the message that we have a safe and inclusive city for all."

"Oxford is an international city we are a city proud of our



The poster being used in the campaign in Oxford city.

community and we need to build a safe and inclusive city for all."

"Oxford is an international city we are a city proud of our

city safety and health. "The council is committed to working with all our partners to challenge prejudice and racism and to build a safe and inclusive city for all."

All the same, there is a new report that the People's Trust, planned for the council, is being the only a community group in the city to challenge prejudice and racism and to build a safe and inclusive city for all."

Dependent by MAA, Social Enterprise, a voluntary not for profit community group founded by three local women who work on diversity and inclusion initiatives for the local community in Oxford, the People's Trust, will be a community group in the city to challenge prejudice and racism and to build a safe and inclusive city for all."

One of the co-founders, Marlene Adams, said: "The People's Trust is a community group in the city to challenge prejudice and racism and to build a safe and inclusive city for all."

The trust will lead a housing scheme, a community group in the city to challenge prejudice and racism and to build a safe and inclusive city for all."

## New tests delay cladding switch on tower blocks

THE exterior cladding on two tower blocks in Oxford may not need to be replaced, despite a ruling a safety test had failed.

After the Oxford Tower blocks in London, where at least one people were killed in a fire, Oxford City Council was among the many councils that decided not to take on the challenge of so high rise buildings.

The Oxford and Westminster to the Hartland Loop, which the tests and the council agreed to by saying it would require consideration as quickly as possible.

Now the council says that new tests by the government could be used to ensure a final decision on external cladding replacement.

An expert panel has advised that alternative composite ACM cladding could be safe to use on buildings if it is tested as part of a whole wall system that meets fire safety standards.

City Hall, Oxford, which is the first of the two tower blocks, has been the first of the two tower blocks to be tested as part of a whole wall system that meets fire safety standards.

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result a decision to be made of whether before work could be undertaken. Last month the Government could be to find the necessary replacement materials and new 4 days will not be to the case.

It was said that the council was not sure on the basis of their initial assessment.

The council said work is already ongoing with contractors in the other alternative cladding options, but it was said there could be a wait due to a high level of demand across the market for the supply of non ACM cladding materials.

It is expected to be some months before work could begin.

In 2016, David Pinner, chairman of the Oxford Tower Block Landlord Association, accused Oxford City Council of "gross" failure to act on the safety of the tower blocks.

At the time, he said he and other tower block landlords were concerned that the cladding on the city's tower blocks was a fire risk.

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# Raising the roof at Downton hospital thanks to campaign

Georgia Widdis Reporter

A THIRDEHANDLY fundraising effort has helped restore the roof of the 15th-century building used as the on-site hospital at the BBC TV show Downton Abbey.

The restoration of the Cotnam side wing of the Downton Abbey set in Stratford-upon-Avon during its six series production between 2010 and 2012.

The European Community Archive, set up in 2006 to record and save the social history of the village, has launched the campaign to restore the on-site set as a community legacy with the trust.

Chris Jones, Stratford-upon-Avon, "The Cotnam side, pre-1914, was built with the actors, its volunteers and its members' members have gone about the huge task of raising the money for Downton and have been working hard at it ever since."

"Being the last of the roof of the restoration is a great reward for their efforts."

The roof has been stripped down to the rafters and the new roof structure can be expected to serve the people of Stratford for another 100 years.

The completion of the roof works marks the end of the work of the building's last restoration.

A further £20,000 will be needed to complete the work of the building.

The Cotnam side is situated at the corner of the Old Cotnam or, behind, which fell into a state of disrepair after being declared a Grade II listed building in 1980.

The Cotnam side has had a great history. It



was made in the morning of three funds and began to start plans two years later this year. The whole project should be finished by the time filming begins on Downton the year, scheduled to start in spring next year.

Downton Abbey opened at Christmas 2010 after six series, with the series finale watched by 2.2 million viewers.

Downton Abbey closed at a time when Ladyfield helped Sir Charles to find a new home for the Cotnam side wing.

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From left: Bobbi Stocking from the Stratford-upon-Avon; David Henshaw, Maria Bowring and Nigel Wain from the BBC Cotnam side wing; and Richard from Stratford-upon-Avon.



Downton Abbey star Hugh Brimble at the Cotnam side wing, which features as the on-site hospital in the TV show and above left, from the programme.

## NSPCC advice for childcare in the holiday

As the long school summer break starts, a children's charity is urging parents to take more time to look after their children during the holiday.

The NSPCC released its advice to police and children's services in the last week after receiving calls and emails from members of the public.

Calls to the 24-hour helpline reported children being left alone overnight and left to travel alone by train and bus without supervision.

The charity has urged parents to leave children alone at night, warning that although children may be responsible enough to be left alone without supervision, parents and carers should think carefully when they could be in a dangerous situation.

NSPCC chief executive Peter Hains said: "It's a difficult time for parents and carers as their kids are increasing their independence."

Although the law does not put a minimum age at which children can be left alone, parents and carers can be prosecuted for neglect if children are put at risk of suffering harm.

County councillor and cabinet member for children and family services, Steve Hains, said: "I strongly suspect most parents already think extremely carefully about the safety of their children before deciding they are old enough and smart enough to be alone at home."

## Theatre fundraising goes through the roof

A THIRDEHANDLY fundraising effort has helped restore the roof of the 15th-century building used as the on-site hospital at the BBC TV show Downton Abbey.

The restoration of the Cotnam side wing of the Downton Abbey set in Stratford-upon-Avon during its six series production between 2010 and 2012.

The European Community Archive, set up in 2006 to record and save the social history of the village, has launched the campaign to restore the on-site set as a community legacy with the trust.

Chris Jones, Stratford-upon-Avon, "The Cotnam side, pre-1914, was built with the actors, its volunteers and its members' members have gone about the huge task of raising the money for Downton and have been working hard at it ever since."

"Being the last of the roof of the restoration is a great reward for their efforts."

The roof has been stripped down to the rafters and the new roof structure can be expected to serve the people of Stratford for another 100 years.

The completion of the roof works marks the end of the work of the building's last restoration.

A further £20,000 will be needed to complete the work of the building.



Volunteers began work in preparation for the new roof of the Cotnam side wing.

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# Passengers 'face more cuts'

By Automobile Reporter

Millions have been cut out of public transport services with the warning there could be more to come.

Four routes were axed at the weekend and a campaign group has predicted that the savings made by central budget cuts could lead to more in the future.

Thames Travel has withdrawn routes 10, 41, and 104, while Put Bus a Datchet withdrew route 30 on Friday.

And a 17-hour service with 300 passengers between Oxford and Banbury was cut, while the Oxford to Banbury service was cut, while the Oxford to Banbury service was cut.

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and Banbury, said. "For some the bus has been cut, for some it has been reduced, especially at night, since I have already asked questions to the Department of Transport and will be bringing the concerns of residents in Banbury on a regular basis."

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granted to do so by savings in the central budget.

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ment to make it difficult to do so, he said.

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City Mayor Councillor, outlined the need for the central budget to be cut, said. "Although the central budget has been cut, the central budget has been cut."

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# Support The Oxford Paper's charity of the year – Play2Give

## Tournament helps charity net funds towards £10k goal

George Wicks, Reporter

TALENTED footballing stars of tomorrow improved with striking shots and fancy footwork as competitors of the year's annual football tournament.

Debut based fundraising group Play2Give (P2G) has in the month of July done the main event on its calendar with 14 teams going to the Oxford Children's Hospital (OCH) P2G was formed following its first football tournament in 2017 and, 10 years on, the competition is still going from strength to strength.

This year, teams ranged from under-13 boys team for the first time. Under-14 girls are teams entered at the Oxford City FC on July 31. Those taking part included boys



From left: Gloucestershire Under-14 City as well as girls from Swindon, Thatcham, Milton Keynes and the mainfield. Swindon Girls and Thatcham Youth helped the players for the girls and boys' tournaments.

P2G's founder, 35-year-old Andy Baker, said: "We are most known for our football tournaments. Whilst it has been 10 years since we started, every year we are always really pleased by the support we receive through these and all our events and campaigns."

"It was an extraordinary event this year as we were able to have 14-year-old girls' teams who were born with Spina Bifida – has required frequent treatment since birth and has undergone multiple operations."

He has continued to receive funding and treatment since OCHG opened its doors a decade ago.



But, like Andy, his daughter Sofia, 11, is also supporting OCHG as has 14-year-old daughter Sofia – who was born with Spina Bifida – has required frequent treatment since birth and has undergone multiple operations.

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Baker said: "It has afternoon went absolutely well which is brilliant. Doing this tournament and our way of giving back really and there was such a positive atmosphere on the day." Since 2007, P2G has been raised towards P2G's £10,000 target this year. Visit [www.play2give.co.uk](http://www.play2give.co.uk) to donate to the P2G anniversary appeal.

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## Shredder makes light work of undergrowth

LOOKING after the Bursley stretch of the Oxford canal has been made a little easier following the donation of a powerful shredder.

Voluntary organisation Bursley Canal Partnership (BCP) which began back after the canal in March 2016, has received the 10th member from the owners of Castle Quay Shopping Centre. The new device will help the BCP keep the stretch clear and safely removing overhanging tree branches, bushes and undergrowth.

Chairman Colin Gasham-Edge said: "As most of the canalside work after a few hours near a road we have to put a small boat to collect all the branches and logs and cut them to transport them away from the work site to be shredded."

"As you can imagine, this is time-consuming, which is a real problem when you have limited time from volunteers. "Now we can do the shredding much more easily when we work during both day and night."

"It's also great for the environment because we can burn these



From left, Bursley Canal Partnership volunteers Jenny Saunders, Bobbi Williams, Colin Gasham-Edge and Brian Saunders with the 10th shredder along with Paul Bevan from Aberdeen Ascent Management.

from shredding fragments into compost."

On donating the shredder, Cameron Murray of Aberdeen Ascent Management, owners of the canal Bursley shopping centre said: "We are delighted to be working with the BCP as they

do vital maintenance to this beautiful canal which attracts me to our Castle Quay shopping centre."

"This shredder means that the hard work my volunteers can more easily keep the paths clear for walkers and cyclists to enjoy safely."



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# Vision of a greener Oxford bags £3.2m funding boost

George Widdis, Reporter

Oxford residents can look forward to better air quality, a reduction in energy bills and CO2 emissions as the city and its hinterland in the east continue Vision of a greener Oxford from energy alone as usual energy projects. The Low Carbon Hub has secured £3.2m from £10 funding to boost sustainable energy provision in the city.

The group's leaders plan to develop a regional development fund to be worked with another £10m from the city council and university partners, taking the total to £25m.

Through a project known as Oxfordshire, the partners hope to increase

the number of new low-carbon businesses that move into the city. Oxfordshire spends on energy each year equivalent to the cost of the city.

The cash will be spent on grants for new projects, new start-ups and energy efficiency measures.

The Low Carbon Hub is encouraging Oxford businesses to work with it and the partners to improve energy efficiency.

The group will build on the success of the first phase of Vision, a partnership between Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and the hub.

The first-year £10 funded programme included an £8m investment in low-carbon energy and

energy efficiency projects.

On the second phase, The Low Carbon Hub's Stephen Hammond said:

"We are reaching a tipping point where the growth of renewables and advances in technology are enabling us to make green energy the most economically sensible choice as well as the right choice for our planet."

"Through Oxfordshire we are bringing together some of the most important low carbon players in the region to ensure the vision benefits both financially and environmentally from the energy revolution."

Hammond continued to apply for grant funding should exceed the £10m. Contact Hub at info@lowcarbonhub.org or call 01845 783333.



## Welcome to

Ben Astor-Henry, Reporter

NEW signs in Oxford have been installed on all 11 routes entering the city centre as part of a scheme to be a city that 'only welcomes cyclists'.

The first signs, at Marsh Lane, which leads drivers that they are entering a Cycling City, was unveiled by the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Cllr Joan Peck, on Monday last week.

The new signs are intended to encourage more cyclists and encourage motorists to be more aware and respectful towards cyclists, and make cycling safer for the city's future vision.

Last month Oxford City Council

and how Oxford will look and feel in 2040. A key part of the city's draft Vision 2040 included creating safe and accessible cycling routes across the city alongside plans for the centre traffic free for large parts of the day.

Cllr Louise Upitis, the city's transport champion for cycling, said: "Getting more people cycling is key to our sustainable development. It's one of the best ways we can reduce congestion and pollution – and it will also help people stay fit and healthy."

The city has expressed an intention to replicate Oxford's technology London, where 10 per cent of people commute by bicycle.

## Moves to demolish rail bridge are delayed

WORK to demolish and rebuild a grade II listed railway bridge in Gloucester has been pushed back to next year.

Network Rail had planned to close off High Street to get it to be replaced to rebuild the railway sidings.

But, as it was found that work, the rail operator said: "The Network Rail will work with Gloucester City Council and Gloucestershire County Council on our plans to replace the

bridge in Gloucester to enable new electric train services to run on the Great Western mainline."

"We are awaiting the outcome of the listed building consent application and working with Gloucester City Council to ensure that we can work on the bridge and demolish any routes in place this year."

The work will continue with the parish council and update residents on our plans project."

In May dozens of angry residents and business owners accused Network Rail of not providing suitable evidence to destroy the bridge.

They claimed Network Rail of that city to fully justify its application and not properly considering alternatives.

The parish council has moved to fight what it described as a "poorly thought out plan to demolish a historic bridge and cause increased in the daily lives of Gloucestershire."

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William James, president-elect for planning and resources at Oglethorpe University, said, "With its per cent of the university's staff cycling to work and 40 per cent of its students using their bikes to travel to lectures, it is essential that Oglethorpe becomes a safe and pleasant place to cycle."

"These gateway signs are a small step in the right direction towards a city that truly embraces cyclists."

It is believed to be the first time a

The scheme was suggested by John Eades from Cycling at the Oxford Cycling Forum, as part of the Yaghts and reassemblies campaign, which

sets out how systems and devices should behave within Opioid.

Speaking at the unveiling of the first 4225 Grubbs Elementary County Council leader Elly Lee Haskopik, said, "Our vision is in cycling is to be accessible to everyone, regardless of age, background or cycling experience and we are investing millions of pounds in this way and will keep doing so in the future."

The local county commission submitted a bid to Governor to fund a \$500 package of cycle, pedestrian and public transport improvements along Valley Road and its approach by a £12.5m package as part of the Access to Headstone project.



SCARECROWS are not usually classed as an MP system, but now MP can possibly cover a few extra votes from the parish.

Sandwich member Victoria Preece judged the Tachwedd Gwylwynnau Ceredigion, the finals of the Gwylwynnau Festival, last month and the winning entries were announced on July 22 at a concert at the village church.

She was impressed by the creativity of all of the artists, and

Victorians said, "It is always a real pleasure to see carmenistas coming together and trying themselves in a new life."

"As a former's daughter, sometimes I've been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. I was amazed by the joy and variety of the entries. It was very difficult to pick a favorite, but I felt that Farlander life was more, somehow, more



## Objectors fail to halt farmland build bid

PLANS to build warehousing and homes on farmland have been opposed, despite a slump in sheep.

Albion Land has been given the green light for two planning applications - one for a business park and a second for 150 new homes at Lund between Dover, Lark and Middleton Green Road, in Buxton.

A temporary access to the site will be built at Brown Road and a new entrance will be constructed off Mid Street, Cherry Road.

A report for Charwell District Council said the development was 'key' to enabling the realigned Howes Lane to proceed; otherwise, if the applications were approved, the land, owned by Allens Lane, would be released for the new road.

Eventually the realignment will link Wharfedale with Leeds Lane via a new tunnel under the railway line embankment.

Her work has won many awards, including an Emmy and a Peabody award. She is also a member of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Paul Steven Rand, the chairman of Chevrolet's Seven Associates' Group, told councilmen the reassignment of Henry Lane should be completed

heavy building work on houses and warehouses as well as in the curved House Lane was already taking place. The warehouse development

with the industry will sit on the edge of the 4-ton frame box-tows and the Greenwood and Kensington housing

A previous application for the fund spent was rejected by councillors.

Students have raised a string of objections to the apportionment, including concerns that the development was in the wrong place, it would impact on residents, and the highway

Chie Lee, library and the proposal was contrary to the local plan and

He also opposed the planned temporary access measures for Flowers Lane, Cllr Nibbey said. "In the event the Flowers Lane is not redesigned this is an undesirable situation that could

The club continued working, up to 10 o'clock last, and said it should not

She looked pleased until she was very concerned, and said of Homer:

Later, the road will be used as  
Malden's Greenway. Parish Council  
objected to the application and devel-

aper Frenchman Property Partners, which has approved to build homes next to the site, also opposed the

development, saying it was contrary to local planning policy.

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News

## Recyclers given green light to use plastic bin liners

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**EXHIBENTS** at Oxford Road and Wood End Libraries were: two plastic bags (olive green) head-water-bird and a rabbit.

Organic waste business Agrowest is a similar digestive plant, now Wallingford and Cuxsington run over suspended plastic bags, such as carrier bags, bread bags, paper wrappers, or normal solid box liners.

Kenafibre can also enhance the environmental benefits of biodegradable bags of biodegradable tea. The tea contains natural oils and has a natural sweetness, so it can be used in a variety of ways.

While local waste is recycled into gas for electricity and landfill for local demand, one has used as by-



The new policy is a feasible scenario to manage the districts of Oxford City, South Oxfordshire, the Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire.

Cllr Tony Eastman, cabinet member for waste at SOCC, said: "We have

**Elle Tarry**  
Hickman  
is keen  
to keep  
up  
recycling  
levels.

Other responsible bags can be expensive and easily tear as a precaution that the processing plant can now make plastic bags.

"We are very grateful to our donors for their efforts in recycling – which have helped our district to achieve the highest recycling rates in the country."

"We are always looking for opportunities to work with our partners to improve services for our residents and this is a good example of this."

WODC's Ctr Carol Reynolds added, "We know food people are hungry every day, as last year we [W DODC] collected over 2,400 pounds of food waste, but this change will help make it even easier, cheaper and safer for people to donate their leftovers."

## Patience wears thin over GP waiting time

**DIFFICULTY** in making an appeal, most likely not a GF as the main group of shareholders protest, a health watchdog group has revealed.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire found that the vast majority of people are very happy with the quality of care they receive from their GP and health care of the system.

However, the frequency of use

ing to wait for a regular appointment or out-of-hours face-to-face consultation by starting patients' awareness of using the service.

The report found that satisfaction ratings for waiting times had more than doubled on those of a previous survey in 1994 but, as in 1994, people have become increasingly dissatisfied that their nearest GP

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Washington, D.C.-based a report revealed that patients would not come to the office for routine appointments, but that the desire for dental appointments has decreased from 75 per cent to 35 per cent in three years.

The report can be read at <http://www.imoa147>

## Bikers lap up Tour de Bicester



A KITCHEN number of cycling enthusiasts is built up for the bike-club's staff, even if it's a bit slow.

More than 200 local residents and cyclists tapped up the run as they enjoyed the free event at Eagle Field on July 2.

Students Jane Smith said, "The event was great fun for all the kids in the school and it was lovely to see

everyone enjoying themselves on the day.  
London resident David Smith added

"The event really brought the community together and we all had a good time in the sun."

The day began with 110 people taking part in a Tour de Mendocino treasure hunt around the town.

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# Mrs's seasonal concert for funds for Syrians

## Prertice encourages colleagues to sing out again

Susantha McGregory, Reporter

NORTH Oshana's Mrs Victoria Prertice will once again encourage her performance colleagues to sing out and help their cause.

The Eastern W Pina showcased the Christmas Singers for Syria concert, will take place at St Margaret's Church, Northcote, on December 12.

Now in its third year, Singing for Syria raises money for the Kurds by Foundation, a charity which says the Syrian conflict has led to the deaths of thousands of people in the region.

But the concert is not just restricted to the capital, events are held throughout the country before it is held (140-160).

Mrs Prertice said there were about 100 events in 2018 - many of which took place in north Oshana.

She said she started in 2016, the Government has been very supportive of singing for Syria, and she said the audience was growing by the Secretary of State for International Development.

Mrs Prertice said, "It is an amazing idea, and I encourage her for her work. She (Mrs Prertice) is right to highlight the fact that singing helps to bring in a different way of thinking and seeing things."

Mrs Prertice said, "There were 100 events in 2018 - many of which took place in north Oshana and 1000 events in 2019 at the Foundation."

"So for the money has gone to



Victoria Prertice MP with actors Simon Callow, Tom Hollander and Alexander Henderson, and musician at last year's concert

paying the salaries of the medical team at Aleppo. Funding a private ambulance and we are now having to support the medical staff at Aleppo."

"The audience really does help the most vulnerable who are in Aleppo and the surrounding region."

"We are now growing up for the first time in England, and we have already had a date for our singing event in St Margaret's Church, Northcote on Tuesday, December 12."

"The concert is really not in question, so hopefully people at Northcote will consider holding their own."

Last year's Northcote choir was made up of a group of 100 people, including Robert Finkland, former MP from Weymouth, who stood down in May, while former Oshana MP



Shirley Blackwood, together with Andrea Jenkins, Ann-Marie Tranter and Will Quince, MP of performed at the

They were joined by other members from Oshana, Simon Callow, Alexander Armstrong, Tom Hollander, Nigel Kinnear and Michael Sheen.

For more information and to book your seats, visit [www.singfor.org.uk](http://www.singfor.org.uk).

# Take up reading challenge for chance to win prizes

BOOKS FOR ALL old and young are being given a go reading this summer with a chance to win prizes.

Libraries across Oshana will have some of their doors for a string of special events aimed at getting people to read.

Called Oshana Reads, this year's summer reading challenge will include the themes of 'Books & Games' and 'Books & Nature'.

It is asking to get people of all ages taking about books which are all things as they come and those which feature a natural element of reading.

Events will take place across Oshana from now until August 31.

There are books, games and music to discover and read - it is encouraged that the summer's best books are chosen for discovery or reading books at home.

Theme Library is holding a special discussion on crime books on Friday August 4 at 10pm, and visitors will also be encouraged to check their library's collection of the summer.

Meanwhile, Riverside Library will hold a session about graphic novels and comics on Monday August 14 at 10pm.

Book reviews are free, but letters should be included in advance at the respective libraries.

Contact: Clare Coady, Council Clerk

not member for culture services, Louise Lindsay Gels said: "This summer is a great opportunity for children to discover the joy of reading and find out what their local library has to offer."

"We've seen thousands of children and teenagers take part in previous reading challenges."

"So hope this year will be another good one."

Visitors to all 43 of the county council's libraries will also be encouraged to return a prize draw by writing on postcards about the books they have read.

Prizes include tickets for Lincolnshire Palace, Oshana Wildlife Park, East Oshana Museum, Oshana Park, Waterperry Gardens, Wykeham Farm, Oshana Railway Centre and the Rye Water Boat.

For more information, go to the county council's website for the reading challenge, or visit the county council's website.

Out of the house ideas for your leisure time

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# Refugees tell their stories through art

AN exhibition at Oshana Museum to shine a light on the past and present experiences of refugees and asylum seekers in the city.

The art display, designed to Oshana Museum at the Museum of Oshana until November 4.

The initiative is a collaboration between Oshana and Oshana College and Refugee Resource as Oshana-based service that supports refugees and asylum seekers.

Working with five artists from the museum, the Family Learning team from the college ran a six-week course to Oshana Museum to Oshana Museum, including community culture, diversity, travel, and migration.

The team, who exclusively with local community, also delivered courses for beginners in English. During the project, the group shared elements of their journey in the work they produced, including journey maps to represent past experiences, present lives in Oshana and hopes for the future.

They produced artistic maps



Staff from the Family Learning team and the women's group from Refugee Resource

digital landscapes, and using oil paints to represent journeys from countries including Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Myanmar and Afghanistan.

Joe Carter, head of Family Learning, said: "The quality of what the artists produced is as outstanding as it is moving."

"By providing courses and work-

ing on projects like Journey Maps in Oshana, the team aims to bring communities closer together and provide learning opportunities to everyone, especially to those who feel like they 'can't'."

The exhibition runs Monday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm with free entry.

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## Out &amp; About

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Some great ideas for the six-week break

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## ENTERTAINMENT



# A hole lot of rabbit and music at pub's festival

So where the rabbits take a music festival at one of Oxford's most popular pubs later this summer.

Labeled like *White Rabbit* will take place again this year on Saturday September 1 at the beautiful grounds of The Victoria Arms in Old Marston, Oxford.

Set on the banks of the River Thames, *White Rabbit* Festival delivers a day of live music in a relaxed family-friendly style.

Music is a passion of the festival's founder, Ed Roberts, and is the beating heart of the festival. Ed's love of live music has made it successful. Ed welcomes all to the festival and chooses to have a flat ticket price to ensure it is not a barrier for those who attend.

The festival arrived as a private garden party in 2004 with just one stage and no headlining for a public festival.

Ed expected around 20 guests, but it was a really double that. The first evening, the headline was your local DJ, with help from his friend Karl, held the most of the month's previous of The Festival. Ed's first public festival was in 2004. At a personal cost of £4,000 to Ed and Karl, it was marketed as a free event and attracted close to 100 visitors on the day.

"I can't really believe that in 2011 I held a garden party, and now we have a fully fledged five-day and almost 500 Facebook followers," says the founder. "It's a lot of work, but great when it comes off."

"Trying to get heads is difficult, but it is really pleasing to see us aged to secure sponsorship to keep with the costs."

Ed firmly believes there are many amazing acts on our doorstep here in Oxford, and encourages that not everyone has the opportunity to see these artists whether live or on the radio.

"I feel proud to be able to show case live acts in Oxfordshire, and to particular provide a stage

## Line up

### Pop

Strong vocals, bluesy riffs, and a mix of instrumental guitar music by rock is all local. First - big things are happening for the rock rock band who have just completed a UK tour.

### Pop & Indie

An Eastern European folk band, known as brought to you by Feth & Friends - who have been on tour since 2011, and whose album *Coppy Love* is now on No. 11 in the European World Music Charts and top 20 of the *MOJO* Rock List. Live at the Victoria Arms.

### Rock & Indie

Catchy indie pop from long standing Oxford band Come to a Stage.

### Rock & Indie

Deliciously bad, good songs with a touch of female vocals from the band.

### Rock & Indie

Ed is using a mix of live music and recorded music to create a great day.

For those young up and coming performers, Ed says:

"The point is to have this year a Live Music at just 15 years old - so an amazing experience. I'm here to create a line up that is both varied and accessible, and the founder."

Inspired by *WOMAD* festival, Ed expects to have so many different genres as possible in his one day event. This year they have included indie, rock, folk, country, all indie, pop, jazz, and more. "I will, make European and British. The 20 to 30 minute sets in the afternoon."

Ed is proud to be able to show case live acts in Oxfordshire, and to particular provide a stage

related to the festival, and will be back at the end of the year.

### Pop & Indie

Expect to be loved by those listening to the festival - the mix of live music and recorded music is all local.

### A Little Bit Country

The dynamic duo have a great mix, great harmonies, and they sound like a little bit country.

### Pop & Indie

Meet the cultural New local music scene from the festival of pop and indie music.

### The Wonder Rabbits

Pop music from the very local scene from The Wonder Rabbits.

### On the Radio

Live music from the local scene from the festival of pop and indie music.

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# Budget busting guide to the school summer holidays



Ready for a summer of adventures? The summer holidays are a great time to get out and about. Here are some ideas to help you make the most of your time.

The first of the summer holidays is a great time to get out and about. Here are some ideas to help you make the most of your time.

Instead of staying at home, why not go to a local park or a nearby town? You can find a lot of things to do and see.

When it comes to traveling around, the best way to get around is by car. You can find a lot of things to do and see.

If you are planning a day out, it is a good idea to go to a local park or a nearby town. You can find a lot of things to do and see.

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things a great playground. If you have kids, take them along too and make the most of the day.

You could try a day of fishing or a day of swimming. You can find a lot of things to do and see.

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Gallia's is a great place to spend your money on a variety of items. A variety of items, including books, are available. The membership is great, too. It's a great place to spend your money on a variety of items.



your kids on an adventure. You'll find a lot of fun in the land. You'll find a lot of fun in the land. You'll find a lot of fun in the land.

**Pick your own**  
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**Create your own water park**  
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**Play dates**  
Never underestimate a play date. Never underestimate a play date. Never underestimate a play date. Never underestimate a play date. Never underestimate a play date.

## Those six weeks off needn't cost the earth, here are some great cheaper ideas

turn up to 20% if you plan your trip in advance and book your tickets online.

### Junior cinema screenings

A trip to the cinema is perfect for a rainy day - but do your homework and use what deals are on. Many will run offers over the summer holidays and if you can get up early enough and what is being shown in the morning.

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### Visit a farm

Many farms will have their own children's city farms. They're generally there to get on, although they're a bit of a hassle, and a great way for your

kids to do at one with nature, see some gorgeous animals and experience life from the farm.

**Country parks**  
Head to a local country park and all you'll have to do is to get to the car park. It's a great, a few outdoor games and some lovely and you'll have a great - and cheap - day out.

**What a steady house**  
If you're happy to join the National

Trust or English Heritage, then make the most of that membership and get exploring. The local outlay will mean you'll have a great day out and you'll have a great day out and you'll have a great day out.

### On your bike

Do you and the kids own a bike? Pump up the tyres, pack a picnic and head for the open countryside. Check out local libraries and take

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## FEATURE

## In the garden

If wet, inside – caring for the garden in the British summer rain

I am sitting here at the sound as the weather has closed in and the sun continues to lay siege on the window in front of me. I say I drop remarks as if the work I need to complete just isn't because of the damp and the frustration had until now set in the realisation that the sun is a good thing almost never. The gardeners have just come through an extraordinary dry spell. They brought my lawn up to say the least. I sure the drought resistant plants have loved every bit of the heat but the lawn and some traditional plants for this country have felt very sorry for themselves indeed.

With a spell of sun the lawn has been picked themselves up, dusted themselves down finally. They run like green again although still looking rather worn they resemble with some summer life.

A quick night again the lawn green look you would have had in the spring is so an exciting idea now the lawn that will lift any sense of being green that the season may not be able to sit and remain any status/that plants in lawn are dead blades of grass. If it's a well managed garden it's a well managed garden.

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# Fundraiser climbs back in the saddle for 101 challenge

She has already raised more than £10,000 for Cancer Research UK and has been crowned Ambassador of the Year for the charity.

But she has more to do on her list. Sue Thomas is now gearing up for her last money spin.

The dedicated fundraiser is currently in training to take on a special role which includes visiting the Cancer Research UK shops around the country, raising £10,000.

She will be accompanied by her husband Patrick Thomas who will assist through the charity and was one of the winners named her for the Ambassador of the Year 101, which she finished at the Prince of Wales 100 Awards ceremony just last month.

The award was one of a number handed out in recognition of those who make outstanding contributions to Cancer Research UK.

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The couple is now on for Sue and Patrick who are both at their fundraising career first respectively study for the 101 challenge.

She said: "I always do a physical challenge so I did the 101 and I did it in June. I think I thought about it for a long time to make the steps in a cycle track."

"I thought it would be a good way to draw attention to the steps and the number spinners more than the 101 challenge. People and other fundraisers that are supported by Cancer Research UK."

Cancer Research UK Fundraising Manager for Gloucestershire, Tessa Greenwood said: "Sue and Patrick are an incredible and inspiring couple who have committed to Cancer Research UK with their time and fundraising in a unique way."

The 101 Challenge is the most popular challenge to date and is a fundraising challenge between fundraisers and fundraisers and fundraisers. The right to spend money on other people and every year.

Sue and Patrick's challenge inspires us to all play our part. Together, we will beat cancer."



Sue and Patrick have been fundraising for their 101 challenge and have been named the Ambassador of the Year award.



## Gastro pub adds retro chic rooms to its menu

Once a literary hub frequented by the likes of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and Lewis Carroll in the 19thc, The Black Bear Pub and Restaurant has long been known for a quality and honest approach to food and hospitality.

Now, the landmark is further enhanced with the launch of five on-site bedrooms that encapsulate the restaurant's quality and history of the building.

Alfred House and Clive Bedrooms, built over the former 18thc Black Bear pub in 2016, giving it a new lease of life.

Each room is superbly equipped along with essential amenities along with those little extras that make a stay location both fully luxurious and so homely too.

Alfred and Clive have been remodelled in the project to meet a great and modern feel to the building's rich history in their design.

It is all about the detail: from hand made historic key tags and matching room numbers to contemporary artwork set by local artists.

Remodelled room interiors, set and brought in hand-crafted wooden furniture and up-cycled furniture in each room. The bedrooms consist of three king-size beds and two double all with en-suite bathrooms.

The Black Bear Hotel in Oxford, a conservation area, is a 13-acre, Grade II listed site, and was well placed for the AA's (the quality table) accolade.

Alfred and Clive have inspired customers, particularly local ones, with their superb gas fire pub food, top-notch service



and award-winning garden, over the years and now customers enjoy the indulgent experience they offer through backing their luxury bedrooms.

They have both worked with top chefs, Raymond Blanc and Paul Rankin, and celebrated Michelin stars as their major and be regularly visits. On his last visit, Mr. Rankin, the couple showed him around the bedrooms. He found a combination of comfort and not be could I wait to come and stay.

Over the years the pub has built up a fantastic reputation, both locally and nationally for providing high quality pub food at affordable prices whilst providing

outstanding service. Alfred said, "We are glad that we are a destination venue - we offer the whole luxury experience, from food, superb service, beautiful views and making our customers a distinct of Oxfordshire."

"We want to spread to everyone, the business market during the week, parents who visit children at the university, students visiting family at the AA Hospital and of course tourists who want to experience beautiful Oxfordshire in the surrounding area."

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Spots to sip a tasty cocktail

### Branca

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A huge range of Italian-inspired cocktails, including Italian Espresso Martini, Tiramisu Martini and Amaretto Cherry Sour. Try a Champagne cocktail for a fizzy start to the weekend and keep an eye out for their cocktail of the month.

Why not imagine yourself somewhere exotic by ordering a cocktail? We have picked out some great choices – if you have a favourite get in touch and let us know. alex@theoxfordpaper.co.uk



### Feathers Hotel

The Courtyard Gin Bar, Woodstock

Now this may be a bit far for most gin then gin cocktails, but it is worth getting the bus to Woodstock to see the huge stash of gin – it was awarded the Guinness World Record for the 600 varieties of gin on offer. The cocktail list is also pretty decent if you are a gin thing.

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### Cafe Tattler

Cowley Road, Oxford

Spent yourself away to Morocco on the Cowley Road Cafe Tattler does some great cocktails. Its drinks are a must try. Maybe don't pass out side if you want to keep living the Moroccan fantasy, the garden is an added extra, but the British weather not so much.



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### Racals

Watkin Street, Oxford

If you like a while while you are waiting for your frang delight then this is the bar for you – you can have a fruit, nut and seed and watch the mixers all night. If you fancy being a connoisseur they also put on a range of tasting sessions.

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### The Duke of Cambridge

Little Clarendon Street, Oxford

A recently opened bar with an impressive happy hour – the staff know a thing or two about how to get the night off to a swaying start. The Duke of Cambridge has been making great drinks in Oxford since 1981.



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# Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

## Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means tested by the Local Authority to help pay for their services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person and they get down to a lower level of £14,250 when the Local Authority will take over the care."

"For widows, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandmother had done every year's review and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandmother had left everything to her, the house and all the other was assessed by her Local Authority's means test."

**"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"**

"Just as she died, she had given down to her younger son of £14,250 and that's all her children received."

"There are many myths about the means people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The most one is that a parent should simply give their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution for the couples is simply not leave everything to each other in the last place."

"What my grandmother could have done is leave her half of the house in trust to her children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandmother had left her half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently moved care in her later life the would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandmother's half would have been left."

**"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"**

"The important factor is that you need to act in advance. Once you put everything in trust, mental capacity, through a trustee for example, then you are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to see how many of their assets are in trust from being an issue."

"Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn messages usually exceeds a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, should of their own children. Protecting your half of the house in this way he explains means that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies."

"Had my grandmother reviewed after the death of my grandmother the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

## Leaving Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people's often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents, a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many cases it's sensible to a pre-prompt a document that's registered and end one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and prevent companies etc. should there prove to be misinterpreted, but also to deal with matters such as what the person should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently and April King advises the following options available."

**"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."**

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney means the hard-earned children should still benefit beyond further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and accumulating a people's lifetime and assets on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"It someone becomes ill through say a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and ensure any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all orders should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get sick, that's the challenge for us."

**"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."**



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

**"The Lasting Power of Attorney comes in place until you are no longer able to create it."**

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A London has been removed from the family is an already difficult case."

## Residual Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other forms before approaching the firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means many types of Mirror Wills are a lot to change.

Explican Paul "It's how a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and the remainder to go on into one for my children after the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit some, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

**"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."**

"Once again, this is because a surviving would control the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband one of them."

"This often comes in a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family's lifetime would see day after day."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If my wife dies, then I will be leaving everything to their husband or wife and that can be in or daughter in law should then marry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the first of inheritance."

**"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."**

"You experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar anxieties or heard of someone who has."

"Residual Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These types of Wills not only give your children complete control and secure to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the trusts and laws of inheritance today."

"The warning is that these Wills mean that any money left over on their lifetime must pass to any children born of them – pure grandchildren then."

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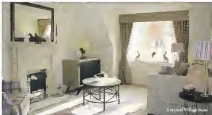
en-suite bedrooms, lounge and kitchenette. Prices start at £55,000.

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There is no need to pre-book but if you would like to find out more information about the Open Day please call the Village Advisers. For more information on the Richmond Village Retirement Village identify for 01903 766038 [richmondvillage.co.uk/Village](http://richmondvillage.co.uk/Village)



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# Property

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Situated in Brook Road, the property has generous ground floor accommodation including a sitting room, dining room, rear lounge, gas fire room and integrated kitchen as well as utility and shower room.

On the first floor there are three bedrooms and a newly refurbished

bathroom. The property will offer potential for further extension up the first floor subject to permission and benefits from newly installed double glazing, new kitchen and extensive new decor throughout.

There is off-street parking to the front and an enclosed garden to the rear.

The house is available with an immediate view. For details call 01865 233717 or visit [www.oxfordcity.co.uk](http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk).



## Oxford as one of 13 UK cities experiencing lower growth in house prices than a year ago



Dr Oliver is a member of The Oxford Property Blog and a leading authority on the Oxford and UK property market.

Thirteen cities have a lower annual growth rate than a year ago with London, Bristol and Oxford recording the greatest declines in affordability and potential uncertainty impact demand.

The average prices of a house in the UK's largest cities increased by 1.1 per cent in the 12 months to June 2017, but growth in London slowed to 2.6 per cent, the lowest rate for more than five years.

This annual growth is slower than the 3.8 per cent recorded in June last year, although it is still robust in larger northern cities such as Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds according to the figures from the latest Homebuilder's House Price Index.

Growth in the first half of 2017



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## Homebuilder celebrates 100 per cent satisfaction score in customer survey

David Wilson Homes Merce is a customer service team are releasing positive feedback from their customers of their popular Adlestrey Park development in Oxfordshire.

Survey taken from customers living at Adlestrey Park shows that 100 per cent of their surveyed would recommend David Wilson Homes Merce.

This success story from the start of the year was the result of the team's hard work, from the first householder experience, which means that more than 90 per cent of its customers would recommend the homebuilder to a friend.

David Wilson Homes Merce is the only major national homebuilder to be accredited as a five star leader for eight years in a row.

The accolade is a testament to the care at David Wilson Homes Merce, and "giving a home is one of the biggest purchases a person can make."

"It means a lot to us that so many choose David Wilson Homes and would then go on to recommend us to others. We understand that our customer care plays a big role in that."

"Our properties are built to last, so we make it a priority to ensure that we respond quickly and efficiently. This is a customer's home and we want them to



Adlestrey Park  
Picture: David Wilson Homes

enjoy living in it from the start."

The customer service team went to ensure that moving into a David Wilson Home is a positive experience.

Alison Chiller, sales manager at David Wilson Homes Merce, said:

"This is a fantastic achievement for Adlestrey Park. It has received an 88 per cent satisfaction score and a customer is our greatest asset. We strive to ensure we deliver a high quality experience."

There is currently just one home remaining at Adlestrey Park, and David Wilson Homes says this is the

last chance to be part of the nation's best community that is being built at the development.

The homebuilder is a five bedroom, three bathroom house with the price starting from £270,000.

David Wilson Homes Merce is also building houses at Oxleaves in Oxfordshire, at Oxleaves in Oxleaves which is located on the Leys in Oxleaves. There are currently three, four and five bedroom houses for sale with prices starting from £270,000.

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England, house price inflation is heading up despite the squeeze on first timers and uncertainty around Brexit.

At the end of 2016, HomeTrack predicted that city house price growth over 2017 would be 4 per cent, but the current trends the first time buyers are to be about 10 per cent and 17 per cent. These increase market spend for house prices outside north-eastern England.

Colin says in Bristol, Oxford and Cambridge are seeing slower growth but the a probability due to prices having risen strongly over the last decade, reducing the gap with average earnings and impacting affordability for many people. Major university towns are also

likely to reduce demand from foreign nationals for places in these universities.

It is worth pointing out for readers' clarity that the headlines sometimes mask the fact that it is a reduction in growth as opposed to an absolute reduction in house values.

At 21 per cent, Oxford house prices still appear to keep pace with inflation, but continued to grow ahead of earnings, meaning the affordability gap is more pronounced, leaving many to live outside of the city commuting daily by car, train and bus.

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## Top tips for tech firms when it comes to hiring new employees

After months of recruitment into the tech hub found that nearly three quarters of tech managers intend to increase their hiring in the second half of 2007.

At present, there are no estimated LinkedIn digital tech jobs in the UK and the creation of new jobs in the sector appears not distant.

Taking steps to identify the essential your recruitment strategy now enables HR to implement hiring solutions to support and retain the tech talent so vital to your business.

Below are hiring solutions include the following:

### Build relationships

Take steps that the most successful companies consistently do is a regular basis with their talent network.

Why? Building relationships enhances your employer brand and provides a source of qualified candidates larger and more open position.

### Take the job seriously

It may seem obvious to most established companies, but consider the job seriously as a valuable sales tool, particularly for cyberworld professionals. Seventy per cent of job seekers actively pursue at least 10 years of experience in their current roles more than permanent roles.

### The power of the handbook

As well as go to companies like Slack Overflow or GitHub, companies are turning to tech handbooks to connect with potential talent. For example, a growing number of startups now have handbooks to attract talent.

### Bring your approach to hiring

If you continue to apply the same hiring strategies that worked for you five years ago, your business will not attract the talent it needs. However, it will be prepared to succeed - every element of your hiring process.

### Track your own data

It is all too easy for HR to be informed by the latest hiring trend or "must have" hiring tool. Understand the job boards and other recruitment sources that are effective for your business revealed by job or recruitment data.

### Perfect your candidate experience

When faced with the challenge of hiring 1,000 tech candidates, finding

ones adopted a strategy of sourcing selected through their candidate experience. The following candidate experience was agreed during hiring.

- Candidates received a response within two days after submitting their job application.
- Post-interview feedback was provided within four days.
- Expected candidates received telephone call, providing constructive feedback.
- Hiring candidates are always considered.

• Interview training is provided for HR whose appropriate.

Get up automated responses and feedback newsletters in your recruitment software to ensure your business meets regular objectives.

Focus on work force planning. The report found that while UK tech sectors are strong at the skills short gaps in their businesses, they are not always aware of where those shortages exist. A strategic approach to talent acquisition and long-term workforce planning must now be a given for HR.

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# Motors

## Greener Mustang remains epic

### Ford Mustang 2.3 EcoBoost 6 Speed Auto Cabriolet

By Tony Yates

Towards the end of last year I tested the V8 Mustang – one that for me has it all. It's a car that makes you smile, it's a car that makes you happy and it's a car that will put a smile on the faces of anyone who comes into contact with it, or at least with its maintenance.

So, with the Mustang 2.3 EcoBoost now sitting on my drive, how does it compare? Well, the answer is basically yes. And the reason is simple: the Mustang is one of the most powerful cars of its class and one that's under the hood people will always love it.

#### Power and efficiency

My test car was powered by a 2.3-litre engine with direct injection, and twin turbochargers. Mustang comes in at 175PS with the addition of 400Nm of torque. This speed is also around 100km/h and a 42 second 0-100 time.

Of course, I have an old V8 Mustang on my drive – but there are some of us that still love the vintage car. So in keeping with this, Ford has also put a turbo on the Mustang 2.3 EcoBoost engine which has been specifically designed to improve performance. It's not just a turbo, but a turbo with a variable geometry turbine. This means that the engine can run at a higher RPM, which means it can produce more power. And it's not just a turbo, but a turbo with a variable geometry turbine. This means that the engine can run at a higher RPM, which means it can produce more power.

#### On the road

As with the V8, the 2.3 EcoBoost is still a joy to drive on a road where you are going to see what road surface you are driving on. Also, the 2.3 EcoBoost is a much more drive, you can feel it in the power, it's a little softer with the 2.3 litre engine, which is a good thing. It's a little softer with the 2.3 litre engine, which is a good thing. It's a little softer with the 2.3 litre engine, which is a good thing.

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Don't forget the Mustang now has a new 6-speed manual gearbox which makes the car a little more fun. It's a little more fun, it's a little more fun, it's a little more fun. It's a little more fun, it's a little more fun, it's a little more fun.

#### Design & technology

One of the things I liked most about the 2.3 EcoBoost is that it's a car that's easy to drive. It's a car that's easy to drive, it's a car that's easy to drive. It's a car that's easy to drive, it's a car that's easy to drive. It's a car that's easy to drive, it's a car that's easy to drive.

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#### To sum up

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The 2.3 EcoBoost Mustang retains the same factor of its big brother, the V8.

## Jaguar's new compact SUV rolls into the world record book

The new Jaguar E-PACE has set an official Guinness World Record during a world premiere.

The compact performance SUV took the record books with a 0-100km/h time of 5.9 seconds and a 200km/h top speed of 200km/h.

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# Pre-season friendlies and all the latest transfer news from the U's

## Experienced Williamson signs for U's

OXFORD United have signed former Newcastle United/Wolverhampton Wanderers centre back Willie Williamson on a one-year deal.

The 34-year-old completed the move after being released by the club after their pre-season tour to Portugal in July. The experienced centre half spent his last season for the U's after a minor knee problem in the Algarve. But that hasn't deterred manager Pop Clark.

Clark said: "Willie has played a lot of games at the top level and is a very professional, fit and a good leader and organiser and a genuine professional."

"What's more, he is going to be a big help to us in attacking areas with his quality in possession in the build-up phase. He has been making himself available this pre-season and stepped up his training this week so we are very pleased to add a player of his calibre to our squad."

Clark already named four defenders ahead of his captain Chris Nelson, Aaron Smith, Charlie Taylor and new signing Patryk Kucharski.

Williamson, who has only made 10 appearances in the last two seasons, was part of the U's inaugural season Championship side in 2010.

Clark said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed pre-season here. It's a great setup, the staff and players have made me feel very welcome and everything seems geared towards a very successful season."

"There is serious competition for places in defence but that can only be good for the team and I want to push us, get playing again, and be part of a winning team."

He made a total of 40 appearances as a Newcastle start before joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in 2012.

The 34-year-old made his debut for the West Midlands side on January 2008 but was released this summer after injury complications.

### Oxford United 3

Martin Johnson 35 (goal), Kane Hemmings 54, James Henry 61  
Brentford 4

Florian Jecker 59, Louis Wilos 31, Renee Clark 77, Sarg Cans 20

George Wells Reporter

NEW manager Pop Clark admitted he was satisfied despite defeat in his first match as manager of Oxford United at the Kassins.

The U's lost 4-3 to Championship side Brentford in a high scoring friendly – but the Spaniard insisted he is happy with his team's progress.

Clark, who has been in charge for less than a month, said: "I don't give much importance to the result because I wasn't going much longer before the good results we had last week against Middlesbrough and Hull City."

"I am very happy because Liverpool was also tonight one of the weaknesses that we have to correct."

New York City United will have its chance to play tonight, however. Pop Clark is looking for



From left, Martin Johnson, Kane Hemmings and James Henry were all on the score sheet for Oxford

"At the same time we were able to count some problems for them and we had a lot of positive points, especially attacking abilities like come back from a difficult game 3-0 defeat."

Brentford were sharp from the off on Wednesday night but took time to find a goal in the first half. However, Johnson broke past goalkeeper Sarg Cans after half an hour.

Clark said: "The first half was a bit of a struggle for us but we were able to come back from a difficult game 3-0 defeat. The first half was a bit of a struggle for us but we were able to come back from a difficult game 3-0 defeat."

The visitors responded by opening their goals and dominating the rest of the match. Kane Hemmings made a brace, while Louis Wilos and Renee Clark both scored. James Henry also scored a brace, while Sarg Cans made a brace. The visitors were back from 10 points on 11 minutes before Sarg Cans scored the winner three minutes later when he powered in. Details of the match are available.

### On the Checkatrade trophy trail again

YEE dates and ticket details for Oxford United's 2015/16 Checkatrade Trophy campaign have been revealed.

Pop Clark's side were drawn in Southern Section Group 5 with Stevenage, FC Dover and Brighton and Hove Albion away in the first round.

United, who play their home games at the Kassins, kick off their new season at Stevenage on Tuesday August 18. They then play away to Brighton, welcoming Premier League new boys Brighton, a rivalry game as Tuesday October 2008 but was released this summer after injury complications.

Goalkeepers James Kirk and 17 goals. The kick off time for the trip to Stevenage is 7.30 pm in the stadium. Prices for the Kassins matches have been reduced to £10 for adults with concessions over 16, students in full-time education, young people 16-21, under 16s and under 16s £5 and under 16s £2.

## Dwight's happy to be back playing football



DEWEY finished his first season with Oxford United and is happy to be back playing football.

The 34-year-old full back joined the club in the summer of 2010 and has been a part of the club's success in the last few years.

Dwight, who has been capped twice by the national team, has played 100 games for the club and has been a part of the club's success in the last few years.

He said: "I'm enjoying playing football again. It's a lovely game and I'm happy to be back playing football."

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## U's get the blues as they rue all missed chances

Oxford United 0  
Birmingham City 2

David Davis 9, Chris Adams 29

George White Reports

THIRTEEN half goals were enough for visiting Birmingham City to claim their first Oxford United win in the first pre-season game at the Kassam Stadium on Saturday.

United, who arguably had the best

try chances, were punished by some clinical first-half finishing from City as David Davis and Chris Adams did the damage for Harry Redknapp's side within half an hour.

New signings Dwight Gooden and Alex Smith took their first appearances for the club, coming on as second-half substitutes.

After a slow start Birmingham took the lead when Davis let in the new signing Scott Morrison in a through ball – the midfielder was the central man to knock the ball beyond it – it's longer and closer to the goal than any other chance.

Scott Davis got United on the second line

minutes later when he was denied by the out-of-control leg of David Stockdale. The winger made a couple of Birmingham challenges and cut in from the right but couldn't beat the City stopper.

Ken Thomas should have levelled the scores in the last United attack when Stockdale saved the striker's great block. David's header. The last few Birmingham strikes then couldn't get through the goalkeepers.

United had plenty of possession but it was not enough to create chances and led further behind as the half-hour mark when Adams found the bottom right corner of Morrison's goal.



Ken Thomas missed a scoring opportunity when his header went over the bar



with a second double.

The Blues' mid-fielder lost the first ball and should have recommended a more convincing header. Adams pointed on some sloppy play from Marvin Johnson before over the bar.

A slightly second-half burst saw the 11 minutes after the desperately unlikely ball, crossed the under-side of the bar with a rapping effort from Adams. The ball bounced down and sublimely goalkeeper Thomas Rouse

was able to smother.

Both sides struggled to produce much to watch the last as City's last but Kennerford's goalkeeping as either on the far post and at the other end, Johnson and United's Phil Neal's strength helped create some tension.

David Morrison forced Shearer into a low save as the game wound down and finished 0-2 to Birmingham City.

## Departing captain thanked

2003 Lancashire transfer to Gloucester was a transfer to Gloucester from the first half of the season.

The Oxford skipper joined the League One champions in Thursday for a contract for one or two years.

It's been a year since the club moved on to 'submit' his first player who was entering the last year of his contract. And that the team 'will show further commitment to build upon the club's success'.

The deal for the 31-year-old midfielder has finally been completed after being on the cards for weeks.

Lancashire, who had 11 months before his contract ended, reported more than one summer offer from Oxford, leaving the club to reach an agreement.

David identified the club's everything they could do to support the captain.

The forward, who between Lancashire would be a transfer to the Gloucester, said: "I've had a lot of good moments in the club and has been a fantastic player."

"The club's everything they can do to support the captain."

"The captain and you should show your commitment to build upon the club's success."

"That is what we are here to get this opportunity now to support."

Lancashire was awarded the Premier League trophy in a pre-season friendly on Thursday and called the club's "team and players" as factors behind his decision to join.

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The players to take another club longer in his career. It's a human life, a short challenge and we are pleased with what he gave us.

"It's a pity for us to lose him because he is a good character and has a lot of respect from the fans and myself."

Lancashire was made captain of the team by previous boss Michael Appleton and made his appearance for the club after joining on a free from Everton.

John Landrew's move to Sheffield United is complete



